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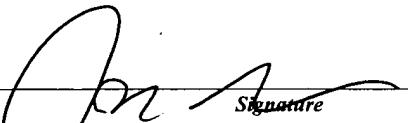
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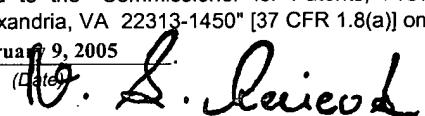
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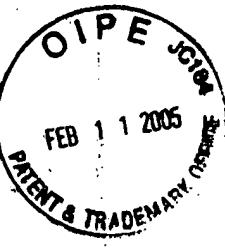
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## INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on February 1, 2005, with Applicants' representatives.

Applicants' attorneys, Michael Downs and Jason Skinder, requested clarification of which section(s) of Von Kohorn (5,227,874) the Examiner is relying on in the present Office Action (mailed November 17, 2004) as teaching or suggesting the limitation:

- *receiving from a customer, an indication of a willingness to purchase at least one but not all of a plurality of products*

recited in independent Claim 1.

The Examiner stated that the reference teaches the above limitation at Column 99, lines 49-52. The indicated section reads:

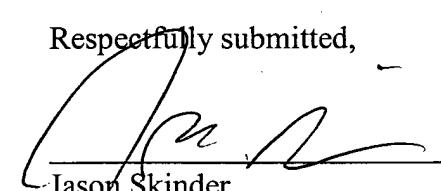
The respondent employs the keyboard to enter into memory of the response unit the identifying numbers of those items for which there is an interest in a future purchase at a sale or discounted price.

Applicants' attorneys asked the Examiner to explain how the indicated portion of Von Kohorn teaches or suggests the above limitation.

The Examiner warned Applicants' attorneys that the latter portion of the indicated section cannot be ignored. Specifically, the Examiner stated that "an interest in a future purchase at a sale or discounted price" suggests that a customer using the Von Kohorn system is indicating an interest in purchasing identified items **only if** the items are actually on sale or discounted in the future. The Examiner also stated that even if the Von Kohorn response unit flags identified items that are on sale or available at a discount for a future purchase, the customer identifying the items is willing to purchase a flagged item in the future **only if** the item is sufficiently discounted.

Although no formal agreement with respect to patentability was reached, Applicants are grateful for the opportunity to discuss this application with the Examiner. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this interview summary or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Jason Skinder at telephone number 203-461-7017 or via electronic mail at [jskinder@walkerdigital.com](mailto:jskinder@walkerdigital.com).

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